



## ILLINOIS WINGS WORKSHOP – WINGS FRIDAY

As part of the ongoing Illinois WINGS Workshops, WINGS Weekend is now WINGS Friday. WINGS Friday will be held July 13 at the Coles County Memorial Airport.

The daylong event will provide an opportunity to learn about current issues in aviation and mingle with fellow pilots. You will earn WINGS credit for all three knowledge tasks and receive information on “WINGS Made Easy” for your flight instructor to help complete your WINGS phase. Attendees will also be given the latest version of the *Illinois Airport Directory*.

Remember, a WINGS phase qualifies as a flight review. The workshop will benefit pilots who have completed the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association’s Rusty Pilot Program by providing knowledge credit for their WINGS phase, thereby expediting the completion of a flight review.

WINGS Friday will feature a variety of presentations and workshops. Speakers will include Champaign Tower controllers; Elroy Hilbert; Chuck Classen; Warren Smith from the Springfield Flight Standards District Office; and Roger Finnell and Carol Para from the Illinois Department of Transportation’s Division of Aeronautics.

Flight instruction is not available as a scheduled part of this event; however, instructors and pilots who wish to fly may contact Carol Para at 217-785-4989. Flying arrangements should be made in advance.

Please join us for this day of seminars and visiting with old friends.

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## 2018 AIRPORT OF THE YEAR AWARDS



Gov. Bruce Rauner addresses the audience at the 2018 Airport of the Year awards luncheon.

Each year, IDOT Division of Aeronautics staff convene to determine which Illinois airports should receive special recognition. Selections are based primarily on the following criteria:

- Cooperation, coordination and communication with the Division of Aeronautics by the airport manager and their staff
- Safety record of the facility
- Promotion of seminars and aviation events, and of aviation in general
- Maintenance of the facility

This year, we were fortunate to have Gov. Bruce Rauner present the awards. Congratulations to the 2018 Airport of the Year award winners!

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**MESSAGE FROM THE  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
KEN W. MARTIN**

Summer has arrived and with it many opportunities to enjoy Illinois' aviation system, including special events, training for new pilots and the joy of flying on a beautiful, sunny day. I encourage you to take advantage of events in your area to support aviation in Illinois and build up the community of aviation enthusiasts throughout the state.

During the spring session of the Illinois General Assembly, legislation was introduced and passed by the House of Representatives with the intention of bringing Illinois into compliance with 49 CFR 47133 regarding the use of aviation fuel tax revenues and the federal requirement to use those funds for airports throughout the state. Although the Senate did not take up the bill before adjourning, we will continue to advocate for it and look forward to the aviation projects throughout Illinois that will receive funding once the legislation is passed and signed into law.

**Enjoy your summer and, as always, remember to travel safely and responsibly.**

*Kenneth W. Martin*

## Airport of the Year Awards from page 1

### General Aviation Airport of the Year SCHAUMBURG REGIONAL AIRPORT



Ken Martin, Deputy Director, Division of Aeronautics; Eric Trydal, Airport Manager, Schaumburg Regional Airport; Karyn Robles, Director, Schaumburg Regional Airport; Bruce Rauner, Governor, State of Illinois

### General Aviation Airport of the Year OLNEY-NOBLE AIRPORT



Ken Martin, Deputy Director, Division of Aeronautics; Tom Baker, Airport Manager, Olney-Noble Airport; Paul Wirth, Commissioner, Olney-Noble Airport Authority; Bruce Rauner, Governor, State of Illinois

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### Schedule:

Opening Remarks	8 a.m.
Champaign Tower	8:15 a.m.
Accident Causal Factors	9:30 a.m.
Traffic Patterns: New Advisory Circular	10:45 a.m.
Lunch (Available in the Hangar)	11:45 a.m.
Owner-Performed Maintenance	1 p.m.
Loss of Control	2 p.m.

**Location:** Coles County Memorial Airport, Mattoon

**Parking:** Free parking is available

**Information:** Contact Carol Para at 217-785-4989 or [Carol.Para@Illinois.gov](mailto:Carol.Para@Illinois.gov)

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## Heliport of the Year **SPRINGFIELD MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER**



Ken Martin, Deputy Director, Division of Aeronautics; Deniz Piskin, Director of Facilities Operations, Springfield Memorial Medical Center; Bruce Rauner, Governor, State of Illinois

## Private, Open to the Public Airport of the Year **ST. LOUIS METRO EAST/SHAFFER FIELD**



Ken Martin, Deputy Director, Division of Aeronautics; Ed Shafer, Owner, St. Louis Metro East/Shaffer Field; Bruce Rauner, Governor, State of Illinois

## Primary Airport of the Year **MIDAMERICA AIRPORT**



Ken Martin, Deputy Director, Division of Aeronautics; Daniel Trapp, Director of Engineering and Planning, MidAmerica Airport; Tim Cantrell, Airport Director, MidAmerica Airport; Mark Kern, Chairman, St. Clair County Board; Bruce Rauner, Governor, State of Illinois

## Reliever Airport of the Year **CHICAGO ROMEOVILLE/ LEWIS UNIVERSITY AIRPORT**



Ken Martin, Deputy Director, Division of Aeronautics; Chris Lawson, Director of Aviation, Chicago Romeoville/Lewis University Airport; Dave Silverman, Chairman, Chicago Romeoville/Lewis University Airport; Bruce Rauner, Governor, State of Illinois

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**July 13**

**WINGS Friday\***

Coles County Memorial Airport, Mattoon, IL  
Carol Para: 217-785-4989  
Carol.Par@Illinois.gov

**September 6-8**

**8th Annual Plane & Pilot Midwest LSA Expo\***

Mt. Vernon Outland Airport, Mt. Vernon, IL  
618-242-7016  
www.midwestlsashow.com

**Sept 8, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**8th Annual Fly-In, Drive-In**

Brookeridge Airpark, Downers Grove, IL  
Miranda: 312-543-1220  
www.LL22.org

**September 15, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Sparta Aero's Flight Fest 2018**

Sparta Community Airport, Sparta, IL  
618-443-5321  
spartaaero@gmail.com

## TRIVIA

## NAME THAT AIRPORT

Many correct answers were received for the last "Name that Airport." It seems many of our readers learned to fly at the DuPage Airport. The photo was from the mid-1960s.

Congratulations to William Cherwin, Randy Kastor, Rob Sampson, Ed Midgley, Devin Brandt, George Smith, Pet Sachs, Marc Stancy, Thomas McWilliams, Eric Lewinski, David Smith, Sheila Cronin Bodee, Donald Purney, Robert Bejna, Dave Coleman, Robert Boutin, Don Riffin, Mary Lou, Bob Forni and Lloyd Thomas, who correctly named the airport and year.

Rob Sampson wrote, "I was a flight instructor at Planemasters 1976-1977 then went on to an airline career with three airlines due to bankruptcy and mergers. During my college years, I worked as a mechanic for Bill Ross, rebuilding WWII aircraft in the small white hangar on the west side of the north ramp. That hangar is long gone. It was a great general aviation field and the ramp was full of small aircraft. I miss those days."

Pete Sachs mentioned he flew Beech 18s out of DuPage in the 80s. David Smith soloed from runway 15 in 1973. He noted the airport was once named the West Chicago Airport. Don Riffin took all of his flight training at the DuPage Airport, earning his cer-



tificate Sept. 4, 1966. Lloyd Thomas took his first flight as a passenger at the DuPage Airport in 1962. He went on to earn his private pilot certificate in 1966, bought an airplane, and started a flying club.

Do you know the name of the airport shown in this picture and the approximate timeframe in which the picture was taken? If so, send an email to DOT.aero@illinois.gov so we can recognize you. Those who provide the correct answer will have their names published (with permission), along with the correct answer, in the fall 2018 edition of Illinois Aviation.

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